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-- PATENT APPLICATION --

Applicants: Bin Zhao et al.

Docket No.: 60944.1417

Serial No.: 09/317,536

Client Ref.: 97RSS256-DIV

Title: INTERCONNECT WITH LOW DIELECTRIC  
CONSTANT INSULATORS FOR  
SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT  
MANUFACTURING

Filed: May 24, 1999

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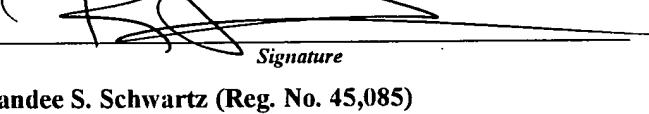
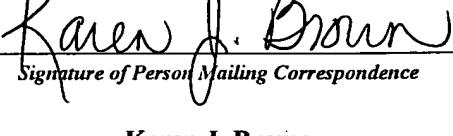
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In response to the Office Action dated May 30, 2000, the period of response for which is hereby extended by one month to September 30, 2000, please amend the above-referenced application as follows and consider the following remarks:

In The Specification

Please amend the Specification as follows:

On page 4, line 23, after the word "gaps", please delete "are" and insert in its place --is--.

<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b> Applicant(s): Bin Zhao et al.				Docket No. <b>60944.1417</b>	
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<b>Invention: INTERCONNECT WITH LOW DIELECTRIC CONSTANT INSULATORS FOR SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT MANUFACTURING</b>					
<u><b>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</b></u>					
<p>Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.</p> <p>The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.</p>					
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